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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM SENT FROM AMERICAN EMBASSY TOKYO
TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND GENEVA ON APRIL 16 AND
REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION:

QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EFIS, JA
SUBJ: JAPANESE TANNER CRAB FISHING IN EASTERN BERING SEA

GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR CLINGAN, LOS DEL

REF: AL STATE 84491 B) TOKYO 4913

1. EMBOFF MADE PRESENTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A TO YOSHIDA,
CHIEF, NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES, INTL. AFFAIRS DIV., FISHERIES
AGENCY. IN RESPONSE HE CHARACTERIZED STATEMENT PARA. 1 REF. A
ATTRIBUTED TO MOTHERSHIP OPERATORS AS "INEXCUSABLE" IN LIGHT OF
THOROUGH PRE-DEPARTURE BRIEFING GIVEN OPERATORS BY GOJ. YOSHIDA
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STATED THAT CRAB OPERATORS HAD BEEN WARNED REPEATEDLY THAT UNDER
U.S.-JAPAN CRAB AGREEMENT THERE WOULD BE NO EXCHANGES OF QUOTAS
AMONG FISHING AREAS, NO ALLOWANCE FOR INADVERTENTLY EXCEEDING
QUOTAS, AND IMMEDIATE RETURN TO THE SEA OF ANY CRABS INADVERTENTLY

TAKEN IN EXCESS OF QUOTAS. HE ADDED THAT GOJ AND CRAB OPERATORS WELL AWARE OF DIFFERENCE IN COMMERCIAL VALUE OF BAIRDI AND OPILO CRABS.

2. YOSHIDA AGREED WITH REFTEL PRESENTATION CONCERNING FEASIBILITY OF CONDUCTING CRAB FISHERY IN MANNER TO AVOID EXCEEDING QUOTA ASSURED EMBOFF THAT JAPANESE AUTHORITIES ABOARD MOTHERSHIPS HAD BEEN INSTRUCED TO ENFORCE THE CRAB AGREEMENT IN MANNER DESCRIBED PARA. 2 REF. A. HE PROMISED, HOWEVER, TO CONTACT JAPANESE FISHERY COMPANIES AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CONCERNED AND REMIND THEM OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT.

3. AS REPORTED REF. B KEIKO MARU COMPLETED ITS "AREA A" QUOTA AND MOVED TO "AREA B" APRIL. 13. THUS IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE BY NOW TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT ADHERED TO ITS QUOTA LIMITATION. (ACCORDING YOSHIDA TOTAL QUOTA FOR EACH AREA WAS APPORTIONED BETWEEN THE TWO FLEETS BEFORE THE FISHING SEASON.) YOSHIDA PROMISED TO REPORT DEPARTUE OF KOYO MARU FROM "A AREA" AND FINAL CATCH STATISTICS AS SOON AS RECEIVED.

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